WHEREAS, Arbor Day has become a national and state symbol of faith and hope in the future of our republic; and,

WHEREAS, Tree planting is truly an investment in the future--the future of our people, and the future of our state and nation; and,

WHEREAS, It seems appropriate that we reflect upon the significance of tree planting; and,

WHEREAS, South Dakota derives many benefits from its trees--shade and beauty for our homes and communities, cover for our wildlife, protection of our soil and farmsteads, and a multitude of forest and wood products;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD F. KNEIP, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim Friday, April 28, 1978, as

"SOUTH DAKOTA ARBOR DAY"

and urge all South Dakotans to take note and appreciate the importance of trees and forests to the state and the nation, to plant additional trees as a renewable resource for a multitude of benefits, and on this day plant a tree for future generations.

RICHARD F. KNEIP, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

LORNA H. HERSETH, SECRETARY OF STATE